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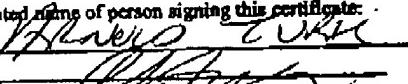
**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
 IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 22, 2008**

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This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 22, 2008, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until January 22, 2009, and the Advisory Action mailed February 3, 2009 in response to Applicants' Amendment to the Final Office Action filed January 22, 2009.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for two months to extend the period for response until March 23, 2009 (March 22, 2009 being a Sunday), and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time for two months accompanied by the government fee. If for any reason the formal Request for Extension of Time is not associated with the file at the Patent and Trademark Office and/or if any extension of time and/or any fee is required to maintained the pendency of the application, such as for the entry of an Examiner' Amendment, this an express request for any necessary extension of

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time and/or fee to maintain the pendency of the application, and authorization to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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Amendments to the claims were presented in the Listing of Claims included in the Amendment filed January 22, 2009. As indicated in the Advisory Action mailed February 3, 2009, the amendment will be entered and claims 7-14 remain under rejection.

Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.